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Note verbale dated 11 January 2018 from the Permanent Mission of the Philippines to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines presents its compliments to the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006), concerning the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and has the honour to transmit herewith the report of the Philippines on the implementation of Security Council resolutions 2321 (2016), 2371 (2017) and 2375 (2017) (see annex).

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Report of the Philippines on the implementation of Security Council resolutions 2321 (2016), 2371 (2017) and 2375 (2017)

1. The Philippines supports the adoption of Security Council resolutions 2321 (2016), 2371 (2017) and 2375 (2017) and the provisions therein.

2. The Philippines supports the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula through peaceful means and an immediate return to constructive dialogue.

3. In compliance with the aforementioned resolutions, three inter-agency meetings have been convened to disseminate information on the provisions of those resolutions. An inter-agency body that includes the Office of the Executive Secretary and the Office of the President has discussed the provisions of the resolutions that can be implemented immediately and that are specific to agency mandates and responsibilities.

4. A list of individuals, entities and vessels subject to an asset freeze, a travel ban and vessel seizure has been circulated to the relevant implementing agencies.

5. The Bureau of Immigration has undertaken the imposition of a travel ban against the individuals whose names are included in the resolutions and added them to the Bureau's blacklist. Based on the records in the Bureau's centralized query support system, none of the individuals listed in the resolutions have travel records in the Philippines.

6. The Department of Trade and Industry, through its Strategic Trade Management Office, continues to monitor trade with countries and entities of concern identified in all Security Council resolutions and regulates the issue of trade authorization. Pursuant to the Strategic Trade Management Act, the Department is undertaking inter-agency consultations and coordination with the Bureau of Customs, the Philippine Economic Zone Authority and other relevant government agencies to finalize implementing rules and regulations with respect to trade. Once those have been finalized, shipments without authorizations from the Strategic Trade Management Office may be detained and seized. Locally-based companies that violate United Nations sanctions will be identified and included in the list of entities of concern.

7. The Department of Trade and Industry and the Department of Foreign Affairs have separately requested the Executive Secretary, as chair of the Strategic Trade Management Committee of the National Security Council, to issue an order directing specific government agencies to implement the United Nations sanctions.

8. The central bank of the Philippines, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, has advised all financial institutions under its supervision to closely monitor and exercise vigilance with respect to any financial transactions by individuals and entities referred to in Security Council resolution 2321 (2016). With regard to Council resolution 2371 (2017), the central bank is closely studying the matter and will advise the Department of Foreign Affairs of action taken in that regard.

9. As at 23 June 2017, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea remains a jurisdiction that is subject to the Financial Action Task Force, which has called upon its members and other jurisdictions to apply countermeasures to protect the international financial system from the ongoing and substantial risks of money-laundering and terrorist financing emanating from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The Task Force has serious concerns regarding the threat posed by the illicit

activities of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea relating to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and the financing thereof. In that regard, the central bank had previously issued circular No. 2014-047, dated 2 September 2014, to disseminate resolution No. 64 of the Anti-Money Laundering Council, which directs all frontline personnel to apply enhanced due diligence with respect to business relationships and transactions relating to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, among others.

10. In addition, the central bank disseminated circulars on 3 November 2017 to all financial institutions under its supervision so as to facilitate the effective implementation of the measures imposed pursuant to Security Council resolution 2371 (2017).